

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A nonwoven fabric-laminate comprising:

(A) a rigid layer of an entanglement-based nonwoven fabric; and

(B) a bulky layer of a bulky nonwoven fabric having an apparent density lower than that of said rigid layer,

wherein

(i) the entanglement-based nonwoven fabric comprises a merely-entangled nonwoven fabric fused with thermally-fusible fibers,

(ii) the average of the longitudinal tensile strength and the transverse tensile strength of the merely-entangled nonwoven fabric is not less than 150 N/50 mm width, and

(iii) the average of the longitudinal tensile strength and the transverse tensile strength of the entanglement-based nonwoven fabric is higher than that of the merely-entangled nonwoven fabric; and

(iv) the thickness of the rigid layer is 0.6 to 2 mm.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The nonwoven fabric-laminate according to claim 1, wherein an apparent density of said rigid layer is less than 0.15 g/cm^3 .

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The nonwoven fabric-laminate according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of said rigid layer is 0.8 mm or more.